

WHAT IS CLAIMED is:

1. A region selection device which select one region from among a plurality of regions displayed on a display screen comprising:

5 coordinate input means for inputting coordinate information to the display screen;

a region table which stores attributes of the plurality of regions;

10 display means for displaying the plurality of regions on the display screen according to the attributes stored in the region table; and

region selection means for, when the regions displayed on the display screen lie on top of one another, selecting a predetermined region according to
15 priorities corresponding to a feature parameter which is at least one of the attributes of the plurality of regions.

2. The region selection device according to claim 1, wherein the region table stores information
20 for invalidating the editing of a region as one of the attributes.

3. The region selection device according to claim 1, wherein the region selection means first decides whether or not the border of a region is
25 selected and then decides whether the inside of the region is selected.

4. The region selection device according to

claim 3, wherein the region table stores information for invalidating the editing of a region as one of the attributes.

5 5. The region selection device according to claim 1, wherein the feature parameter is an area of each region.

10 6. The region selection device according to claim 4, wherein the region table stores information for invalidating the editing of a region as one of the attributes.

7. The region selection device according to claim 1, wherein the feature parameter is a perimeter of each region.

15 8. The region selection device according to claim 7, wherein the region table stores information for invalidating the editing of a region as one of the attributes.

20 9. The region selection device according to claim 1, wherein the feature parameter is both of an area and a perimeter of each region.

10. The region selection device according to claim 9, wherein the region table stores information for invalidating the editing of a region as one of the attributes.

25 11. A region selecting method of selecting one region from among a plurality of regions displayed on a display screen comprising:

inputting coordinate information to the display
screen;

displaying the plurality of regions on the display
screen according to attributes of the plurality of
5 regions stored in a region table; and

selecting a predetermined region according to
priorities corresponding to a feature parameter which
is at least one of the attributes of the plurality of
regions when the plurality of regions displayed on the
10 display screen are overlapped.

12. A computer program product configured to store
program instructions of selecting one region from among
a plurality of regions displayed on a display screen
for execution on a computer system enabling the
15 computer system to perform:

inputting coordinate information to the display
screen;

displaying regions on the display screen according
to attributes of the plurality of regions stored in a
20 region table; and

selecting a given region according to priorities
corresponding to a feature parameter which is at least
one of the attributes of the plurality of regions when
the plurality of regions displayed on the display
25 screen are overlapped.